

Weekly Status & Information Report: April 15 - 19, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 22, 2013:

-City Council meeting, Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium  
-Committee on the Environment meeting, Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room  
-Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room  
-Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room  
-City Council meeting (budget work session), Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., in the Auditorium  
Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org). (City Clerk)

2. City Council Budget Work Sessions: The Council's review and discussion of the FY 2014 budget continues. The City Manager's proposed budget is available for review: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/finance/budget.html>. Special materials prepared for the Council's budget discussions are posted in advance of each meeting on the agenda item page: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/index.html>. Material provided for prior meetings is available there as well. Public comments on the budget or other topics are welcome at the beginning of City Council meetings unless the agenda notes otherwise. (City Clerk)

3. Art Workshop - Saturday, April 20: Sculptor James Mallos, from the Mathematically Inclined exhibit, will lead an intriguing workshop on "weaving" balloons. Saturday, April 20 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Art Room (7500 Maple Ave.). Free Admission. [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

4. Favorite Poem Evening: -- The 14th annual "Favorite Poem Evening", sponsored jointly by the Takoma Park Maryland Library and the Friends of the Library, will take place on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. There's still time to sign up! Choose a poem by a published poet (other than you or your friends). Send the name and author of the poem you have chosen and your own name and generic occupation for inclusion in a printed program to Ellen Robbins at the Takoma Park Maryland Library, or by e-mail to [ellenr@takomagov.org](mailto:ellenr@takomagov.org). The deadline for submission is Monday, April 22. NOTE: Teens who sign up to read a poem and attend the entire event can earn up to three hours of Student Service Learning credit. (Library)

5. SHA Project on MD 410: Come learn more about the MD 410 Project with Christopher Bishop, District Community Liaison with State Highway Administration. Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. (Housing and Community Development)

6. Montgomery County Housing Fair - April 27: The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing Fair will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue in Gaithersburg. The fair is located next to Gaithersburg High School. Homeowners in financial difficulty can meet with their lenders (Bank of America, CITI, HSBC, M&T Bank, PNC Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank), attorneys, or housing counselors who will assist them with options. Those wanting a free credit report or are seeking information on affordable housing options will find over 80 exhibitors at this fair. There will also be plenty of entertainment for the kids and food available at the site. For information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA) and scroll down to the Fair. (Housing and Community Development)

7. Community Garden Project! Imagine being able to take a seed, plant it, nurture it, and watch it grow into a full-fledged fruit or vegetable. Come enjoy the fun of the Community Garden on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. – noon at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Come out and plant fruits, vegetables, trees and flowers with us. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

8. Author Meg Medina: Join the Library for a thoughtful discussion of bullying on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. when author Meg Medina discusses her new, critically-acclaimed teen novel, "Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass." Medina will read from her book and then take questions from the audience. The event is sponsored by Politics & Prose Bookstore, which will be selling copies of Medina's book. However, the event is free and no purchase is required. Teens who attend and complete a brief questionnaire about their own experiences with bullying can earn one hour of Student Service Learning credit. Registration is encouraged, but not required, for this event; to register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents). (Library)

9. Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge: Register now for the race on Sunday, May 5. Registrants are eligible for raffle prizes from our generous sponsors. Sign up at [www.tkpk5k.com](http://www.tkpk5k.com). (Housing and Community Development)

10. Library Sunday Hours: For the first time ever, the Takoma Park Maryland Library will be open on Sundays, from noon – 5 p.m., beginning May 5. The Library's Computer Center also will be open on Sundays from noon – 5 p.m. We'll celebrate our first open Sunday on May 5 with refreshments, bookmarks for readers of all ages to decorate, and Mother's Day crafts that kids can make, take and give to the special women in their lives. (Library)

11. Youth Tennis Clinic: The Recreation Department will be holding a Youth Tennis Clinic for ages 7 - 13. The Clinic will take place on Tuesdays, from May 7 to June 4, at the Takoma Park Middle School Tennis Courts. Ages 7-9 will begin at 3:45 p.m. and ages 10-13 will start at 4:45 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for residents and \$35.00 for non-residents. There are limited spaces remaining in both age groups, so don't wait. Sign up today! To register online, please visit <https://activenet010.active.com/takomaparkrecreation/>. (Recreation)

12. Girls Lacrosse Clinic: The Girls Lacrosse Clinic will begin on May 15 and run through June 12. This program is open to girls ages 8 – 12 on Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field. The cost is \$25.00 for residents and \$35.00 for non-residents. To register online, please visit <https://activenet010.active.com/takomaparkrecreation/>. (Recreation)
13. Save the Date - Celebrate Takoma Festival - Sunday, May 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival at Ed Wilhelm Field. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the City with food, merchandise, and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. The event is free with nominal fees for food and merchandise. Celebrate Takoma will be held rain or shine, so bring a chair or a blanket and plan for the weather. Also stay for the Azalea Awards and a demo from Safe Kids Montgomery County. Due to limited parking, walking is encouraged. For more information, please email [celebratetakoma@takomagov.org](mailto:celebratetakoma@takomagov.org) or call 301-891-7290. And guess what, WE NEED TEENS ages 13 – 19 to help out! If you haven't completed your required Student Service Learning Hours or you just want to take part and be active within your community, then this is the event for you! Shifts run from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To volunteer as a teen or for more information, please contact Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283 or [leiciam@takomagov.org](mailto:leiciam@takomagov.org). We need you! (Recreation)
14. Get Fit For Summer! Continue to get in shape and be ready for the summer by purchasing a membership to the Fitness Room at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. The Fitness Room is a hidden gem, with elliptical machines, stair-climbers, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, treadmills, dumbbells, and more. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
15. Get Ready for the Summer with Jazzercise! Jazzercise is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This is a class that combines the art of jazz with the science of exercise physiology. Each 60-70 minute class includes fun and easy to follow aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises - all to the beat of great music. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
16. Young Entrepreneurs Program (ages 13-17): This program is off and running! This week's session had 18 participants. During class, participants made a vision board. The boards consist of magazine cut-outs that teens used to make a web of business ideas and plans for their future company/business endeavors. Next week, teens will add finishing touches to their boards and share their plans with each other. This class is free and filling up fast. Sign your teen up today! For more information on teen programs, please contact Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283 or [LeiciaM@takomagov.org](mailto:LeiciaM@takomagov.org). (Recreation)
17. Job Training, Resume Writing and Mock Interviews (ages 13-17): The first session was a homerun! Some students already knew the basic skills of writing a resume; they just needed help with the structure. During this class, teens were able to look at copies of outstanding resumes for school aged youth, fill out a resume starter application, and make their own resume and reference page. They were given a homework assignment to structure their resume in correct order. Next session, teens will learn different active words that will make their resumes stand out. They will also learn dress code "do's and don'ts" for an interview and watch and participate in a mock interviewing session. For more information on this program and other teen programs, please contact Leicia Monfort via email at [leiciam@takomagov.org](mailto:leiciam@takomagov.org) or by phone at 301-891-7283. (Recreation)
18. Seniors Enjoy April Trips: Seniors traveled by Recreation Bus this month to visit two contemporary local art galleries, Montgomery College King Street Gallery and the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center in downtown Silver Spring. Seniors had a look back in time during a tour of historic Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, D.C. (Recreation)
19. Knitting for Beginners: A full class of six seniors began the five-week Beginning Knitting class on Monday, April 15, in the Senior Room. (Recreation)
20. Seniors Tune Up Their Driving Skills: Twenty-five seniors earned certificates for the AARP Driver Safety Course at the Takoma Park Community Center on Wednesday, April 10, and then again on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The refresher classes covered safe driving strategies, the latest rules of the road, and defensive driving techniques. (Recreation)
21. Passports: The City of Takoma Park accepts passport applications Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a walk-in service; appointments are not taken. Please call 301-891-7204 for information. More specific information about the application process and fees may be found at [www.takomaparkmd.gov](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov). (Recreation)
22. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 12-18, 2013) may be viewed online at [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_19.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_19.html). (Police)
23. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 100 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic, and one warrant service arrest from traffic.

During April 12-19, 2013, the following details were completed:

April 12, 2013

- Maple Ave & Lincoln Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued six warnings

April 13, 2013

- Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation

April 14, 2013

- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave & Allegheny Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning

April 15, 2013

- Hudson Ave & Roanoke Ave (Stop Sign)- a 40 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings
- Maple Ave & Hilltop Ave (Do Not Enter)- a 20 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings
- 7400 block New Hampshire Ave (SERO & Red Light)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings

April 16, 2013

- Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings
- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings
- Maple Ave & Philadelphia Ave (Red Light)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation and one warning

April 17, 2013

- Poplar Ave & 4th Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations and two warnings
- 6900-7100 blocks New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued eight State citations and one warnings
- Anne St & Wildwood Dr (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning
- Prince Georges Ave & Circle Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings
- Prince Georges Ave & Belford Pl (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued on State citation

April 18, 2013

- Maple Ave & Lincoln Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four warnings
- Maple Ave & Hilltop Ave (Do Not Enter)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three warnings
- 6900-7100 blocks New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 1 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued six State citations
- 4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation and one warning
- Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations
- Maple Ave & Lincoln Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three warnings

April 19, 2013

- Poplar Ave & New Hampshire Ave (Red Light) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings. (Police)

24. Traffic Officer Stats (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of April 17-18

State citations: 18

Calls for service: 10

Reports: 2

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 2

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 1

Warnings: 7

Warrant Arrests: 1

Foot Patrol: 2 hours

(Police)